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TAGS: PFOR, UN, KN, GY
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: GUYANA POSITION ON ISSUES AT
CL COLOMBO NAM

REF: (A) STATE 178439, (B) STATE 183456, (C) GEORGETOWN 1489
SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS HAS SAID GUYANA WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE NAM SUMMIT MAKE NO RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO AT THIS TIME AS PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE SOON WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AGAIN THEIR PREFERENCE CONCERNING PR'S STATUS IN ELECTION. ON KOREA, GUYANA WILL INSIST THAT ANY RESOLUTION WILL INCLUDE SOUTH KOREA IN ANY DISCUSSIONS TO RESOLVE KOREAN ISSUE. ALTHOUGH WILLS GAVE NO ASSURANCE GUYANA WOULD SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF US POSITION NOR OPPOSE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE POSITIONS BURNHAM AND WILLS HAVE ADOPTED REPRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THEIR PREVIOUS ATTITUDE. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO ISSUES, I SENT FONMIN

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WILLS COPY OF KOREA SECTION OF SECRETARY KIDSSFGER'S JULY 22
SPEECH IN SEATTLE AND MET WITH HIM JULY 29. I REVIEWED US
POSITION ON THESE ISSUES, EMPHASIZED THAT US LEVEL OF CONCERN MADE
THEM FACTORS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR
MANN'S CONVERSTION WITH BAKER AND HEAVENER (REF B).

2. ON PUERTO RICO, WILLS REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM
MANN AND DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH BURNHAM. THEY HAD DECIDED THAT
GUYANA'S POSITION WOULD BE THAT THE NAM SHOULD NOT TAKE UP THE
ISSUE NOW. THE RATIONALE FOR THIS POSITION WOULD BE THAT THE PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE WOULD SOON HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER THEIR
ATTITUDE IN AN ELECTION. THE NAM SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ONLY IF
THE ELECTION WOULD SHOW STRONG SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE.
WILLS COMMENTED THAT MANN'S OBSERVATIONS DURING VISIT TO PR INDICATED
THAT THE VOTE WOULD BE HEAVILY AGAINST INDEPENDENCE PARTIESJR

3. WILLS PREFASED HIS COMMENTS ON THE KOREA ISSUE WITH THE CAVEAT
THAT GUYANA "NATURALLY" NEEDED SUPPORT FROM THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS;
HOWEVER, HE THEN SAID THAT BURNHAM AND HE HAD AGREED NOT TO SUPPORT
ANY PROPOSAL ON KOREA WHICH DID NOT PERMIT THE GOVT OF SOUTH KOREA,
"REPRESENTING 35 MILLION PEOPLE", TO FULLY PARTICIPATE INDISCUSS-
ION OF A SOLUTION. I URGED THAT GUYANA SPEAK IN FAVOR OF A RESOLU-
TION SIMILAR TO THE 1973 UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA, BUT WILLS
AVOIDED GIVING A DIRECT ANSWER TO THAT. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT
WILLS CONFER WITH ASIAN DELEGATES AT COLOMBO, AS I UNDERSTOOD THEY
TOO WOULD SUPPORT A BALANCED RESOLUTION. HE SAID HIS DELEGATION
WOULD CONSULT.

4. AT COLOMBO, WILLS SAID HE WOULD DELIVER APAPER ON "DESTABILIZA-
TION OF SMALL STATES". HE THEN SAID HE WOULD NOT NAME ANY SPECIFIC
COUNTRY AND "YOU SHOULD NOT CONCLUDE IT IS AIMED AT THE UNITED
STATES".

5. WILLS IS LEAVING GUYANA JULY 30 AND WILL STOP-OVER IN ROMANIA
AND IRAQ ENROUTE. HE INDICATED THAT WHILE GUYANA FAVORED ROMANIA'S
ACCEPTANCE AS OBSERVER IN NON-ALIGNED, CUBA AND INDIA WERE LOBBYING
AGAINST ITS ACCEPTANCE. HE GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT GUYANA
HAD NOT MADE A DECISION ON THIS. HE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION IN
IRAQ TO SPCK ON LATIN AMERICA. HE JOIKED THAT IRAQI IGNORANCE
ON THE SUBJECT WAS SUCH THAT THEY WOULD NOT REALIZE H SWAS
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"NO EXPERT" ON LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY.

6. WILLS VOLUNTEERED THAT GUYANA'S POSITION ON CYPRUS ISSUE AT
COLOMBO SUMMIT JWULD BE POSITION IT HAD ADOPTED EARLIER IN THE UN,
I.E. THAT GUYANA IS OPPOSED TO PARTITION. GUYANA'S INTERNAL POLITI-
CAL SITUATION, WITH ITS SOCIETY DIVIDED INTO EAST INDIANS AND
BLACKS, MADE THIS POSITI
PSNECESSARY.

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7. COMMENT: THE POSITION S WILLS SAYS BURNHAM HAS ADOPTED ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA SSUES REPRESENT DECIDED IMPROVEMENT, PARTICULARLY ON KOREA, OVER WILLS' PREDICTIONS LAST WEEK. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF US POSITION ON THE KOREA ISSUE NOR DID HE SAY THAT GUYANA WOULD OPPOSE ALL ASPECTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL. AND HIS CAVEAT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MANTAINING GUYANA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS LEAVES THE DOOP OPEN FOR SLIPPAGE
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